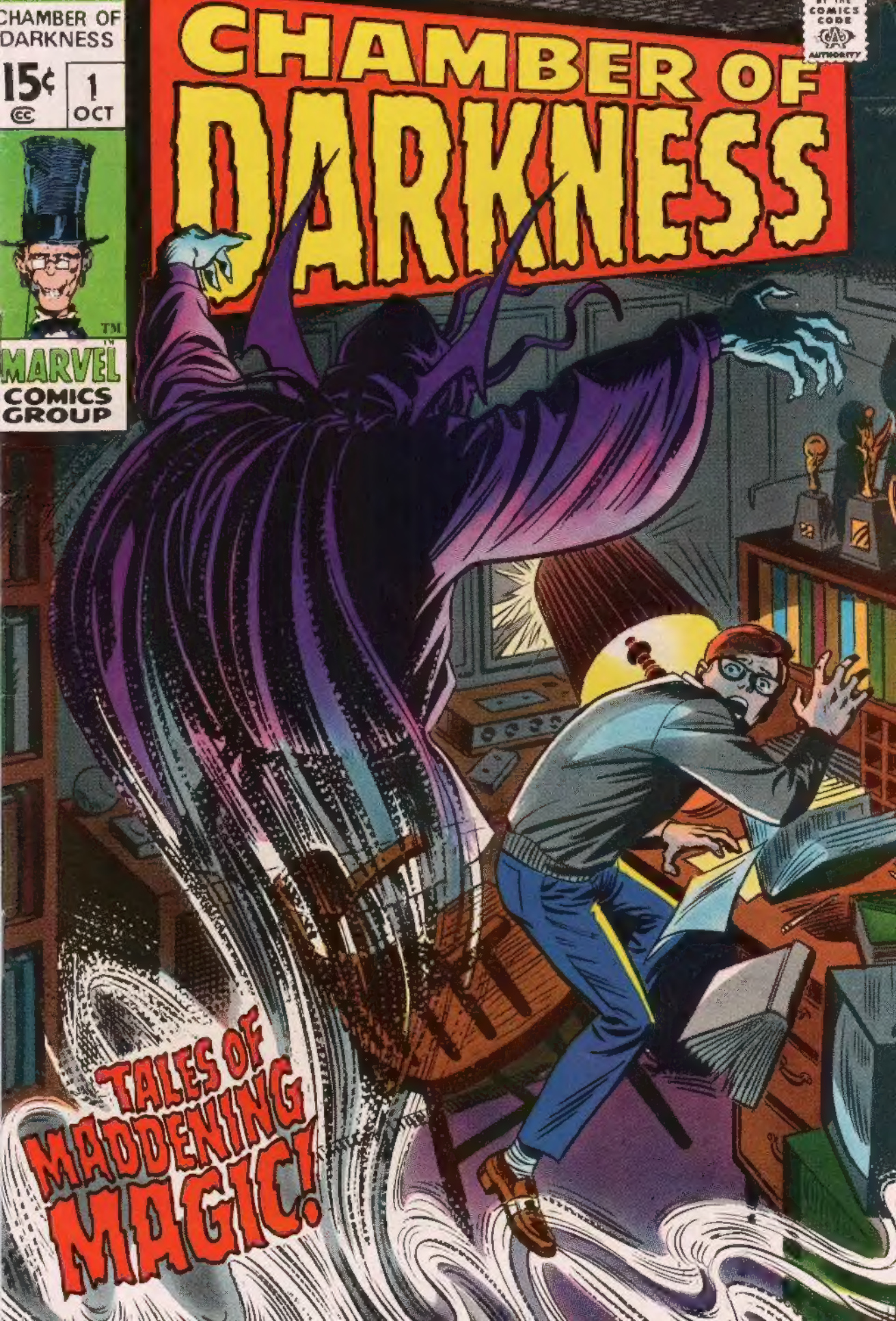
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TALES OF MADDENING MAGIC!

TODAY'S TANTALIZING LITTLE TALE IS ALL ABOUT A BOY NAMED TOMMY!
TOMMY IS LUCKIER THAN MOST BOYS-- BECAUSE HE FOUND SOMETHING THAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR!
THE ONLY THING I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY IT FRIGHTENED HIM SO! IT SEEMS TO ME HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY-- FOR, AFTER ALL--
IT'S ONLY MAGIC!
HEADSTONE & GRAVELY
"KEEP SMILING!"
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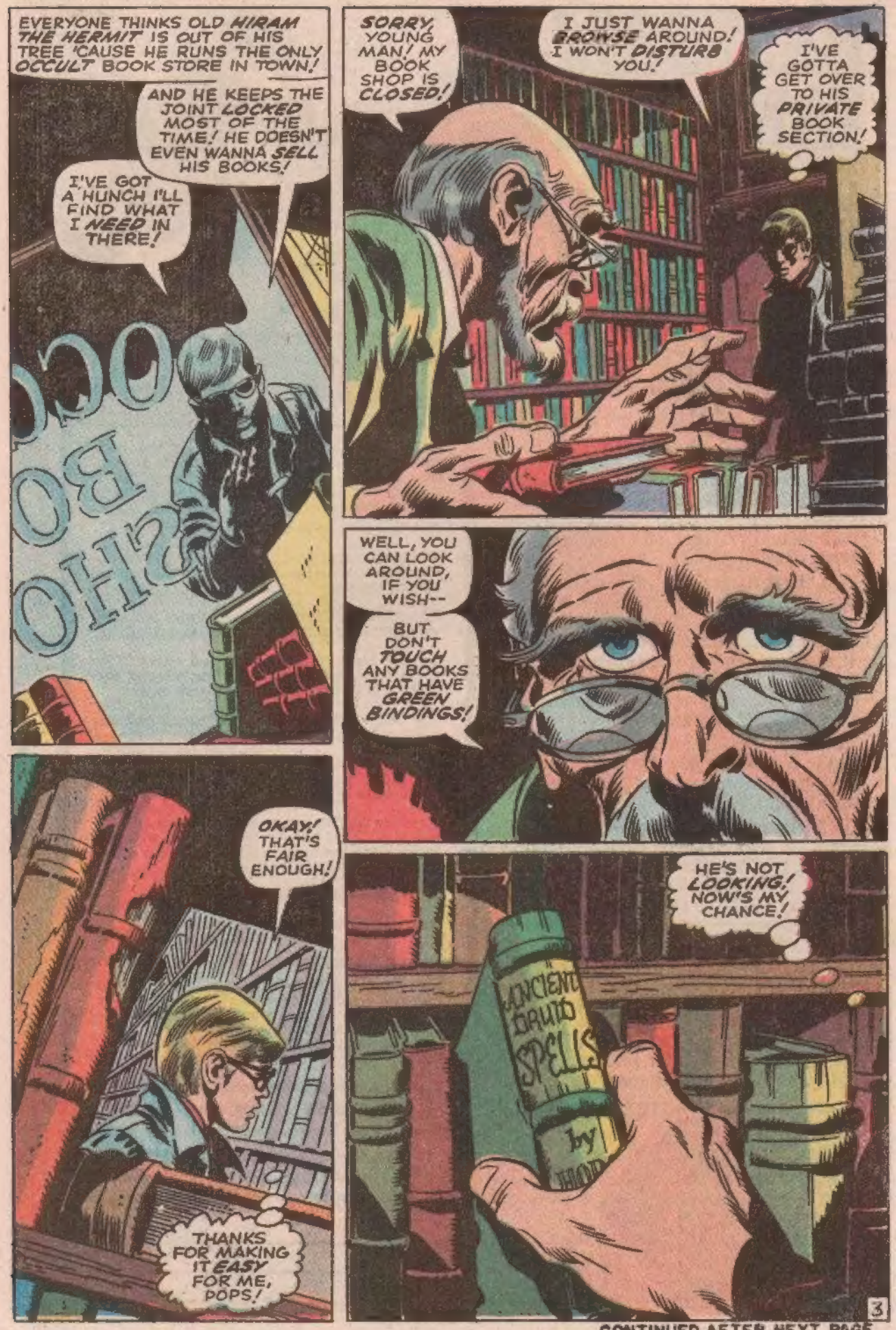
TOMMY LOVED TO READ ABOUT ANYTHING SUPERNATURAL! HE DEVOURED GHOST STORIES--COMIC BOOKS--MAGIC TALES--AND NEVER MISSED STUDYING HIS DAILY HOROSCOPE--
HEY--TODAY'S A LUCKY DAY FOR ME!
ACCORDING TO THIS, I'LL BE RECEIVING SOME MONEY!
I WONDER WHERE THE DOUGH WILL COME FROM?
TOMMY--WAIT UP! I'VE GOTTA TALK TO YOU!
WHO NEEDS A PEST LIKE HIM AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
HERE'S THAT FIVE YOU LENT ME LAST MONTH!
BETCHA NEVER EXPECTED TO GET IT BACK AGAIN!
FIVE BUCKS! SO THAT'S ALL IT IS!
HUH? WOTTA YA MEAN?
SKIP IT!
I KNOW THERE'S SUCH A THING AS MAGIC--AND THE SUPER-NATURAL!
I BELIEVE IN THINGS THAT CAN'T BE SEEN--OR EXPLAINED!
BUT HOROSCOPES AND THINGS LIKE THAT ARE KID STUFF!
I WANNA LEARN HOW TO CAST A REAL MAGIC SPELL!
MAN! IF I COULD CONJURE UP DEMONS AND DJINNS TO DO MY BIDDING--
THERE'S NOTHING IN THE WHOLE WORLD I COULDN'T HAVE! NOTHING!
SO IT'S TIME THAT I GOT STARTED!


EVERYONE THINKS OLD HIRAM THE HERMIT IS OUT OF HIS TREE 'CAUSE HE RUNS THE ONLY OCCULT BOOK STORE IN TOWN!
AND HE KEEPS THE JOINT LOCKED MOST OF THE TIME! HE DOESN'T EVEN WANNA SELL HIS BOOKS!
I'VE GOT A HUNCH I'LL FIND WHAT I NEED IN THERE!
SORRY, YOUNG MAN! MY BOOK SHOP IS CLOSED!
I JUST WANNA BROWSE AROUND! I WON'T DISTURB YOU!
I'VE GOTTA GET OVER TO HIS PRIVATE BOOK SECTION!
WELL, YOU CAN LOOK AROUND, IF YOU WISH--
BUT DON'T TOUCH ANY BOOKS THAT HAVE GREEN BINDINGS!
OKAY! THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH!
THANKS FOR MAKING IT EASY FOR ME, POPS!
HE'S NOT LOOKING! NOW'S MY CHANCE!
ANCIENT DRUID SPELLS
by
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IT'S NOT LIKE I'M STEALING IT! I'LL ONLY KEEP IT OVERNIGHT!
THAT'S ALL THE TIME I'LL NEED TO FIND JUST THE SPELL I WANT!
WELL, I GUESS I'LL BE GOING NOW!
YOU WILL BE BACK, MY BOY--EVEN BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
BOY! SOUNDS LIKE HE'S REALLY GONE BANANAS!
NO MATTER! JUST CALL IT THE BABBLING OF AN OLD, OLD MAN!
LATER, IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS ROOM--
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HALF OF THESE WORDS MEAN--
BUT THERE'S NO HARM IN SAYING THEM ANYWAY!
THIS ONE HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH CAUSING A DJINN TO APPEAR!
MAN--IF IT REALLY WORKS, I'LL NEVER HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL OR OBEY ANOTHER GROWN-UP AGAIN!
BY THE FIERY MISTS OF AASHOPETH, BY THE WRAITHS THAT DWELL THEREIN--IN THE NAMES OF ALL WHO LIVE IN DEATH, I AWAKE THE SLUMBERING DJINN!
AND IN SO DOING--YOU HAVE FORFEITED YOUR LIFE!
NO!
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I--I CONJURED YOU UP! YOU MUST OBEY ME!
THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE SPELL!
THEN COMMAND ME QUICK--AND HAVE DONE WITH IT!
THIS AGE IS NOT FOR ME!
I MUST SLEEP AGAIN--TILL MAN HAS FADED FROM THE EARTH!
BUT, ONE SUCH AS I CAN NEVER REST--TILL HIM WHO AWAKENED ME HAS MET HIS DEATH!
BUT--YOU CAN'T HARM ME! HOW CAN I BE KILLED --IF YOU HAVE TO OBEY ME?
DOOMED ONE--HEED MY WORDS! 'TWILL SOON BE CLEAR!
ALL YOU MAY DO IS SPEAK YOUR WISH!
AND, 'TIS I ALONE WHO CHOOSE THE MANNER OF OBEDIENCE!
THEN 'TIS I WHO MUST OBEY!
DID YOU DARE BELIEVE A DJINN WOULD SERVE ONE LIKE YOU?

MY MYSTIC POWER IS BEYOND YOUR HUMAN COMPRE-HENSION!
NO! NO! I'M YOUR MASTER! YOU MUST SERVE ME!
I CAN ANNHILATE ANYTHING THAT LIVES--WITH BUT A GESTURE!
AND SERVE YOU I SHALL!
DO YOU WISH ETERNAL LIFE? YOU MAY HAVE IT-- IN THE DEEPEST PIT OF TARTARUS!
OR, IS IT WEALTH YOU CRAVE?
IT CAN BE YOURS WITHOUT MEASURE-- ENTOMBED WITH YOU TILL THE END OF TIME!
FOR, THE MANNER OF GRANTING A WISH---IS MINE TO CHOOSE!
THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN WISH THAT I CANNOT TWIST AROUND TO SUIT MY ENDS!
AND THEN, ONCE YOU HAVE MET YOUR FATE--
I'LL MAKE CERTAIN THAT MY SLUMBERS ARE DISTURBED NO MORE BY PUNY, WITLESS MORTALS--

FOR, ONCE YOUR WISH IS GRANTED, I'LL TURN MY POWERS AGAINST ALL MANKIND!
AND NEVER AGAIN WILL ANY DARE TO SUMMON A SLEEPING DJINN!
BUT NOW--YOUR TIME IS UP!
WISH WHAT YOU WILL--AND I PROMISE IT SHALL BE YOUR LAST!
I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING--ANYTHING--TO SAVE MYSELF--AND THE HUMAN RACE!
THERE IS ONE WISH--AND ONLY ONE--THAT EVEN HE CAN'T SPOIL--!
NOW, YOU FOOL--NOW! MAKE YOUR WISH--OR I STRIKE!
I WISH YOU TO TURN TIME BACK--BACK TO SIX P.M. TODAY--
NO! NOT THAT! DON'T ASK ME THAT!
YOU MUST DO IT--EXACTLY AS I COMMAND!
NOW! DO IT NOW!
AND SO--
IT WORKED! I-I HAVE A SECOND CHANCE!
AND I'LL MAKE THE MOST OF IT!
ANCIENT DRUID SPELLS
by
THE OLD MAN SAID THAT I'D BE BACK!
LEAVING SO SOON, YOUNG MAN?
YOU KNOW IT!
MAYBE YOU ALWAYS KNEW IT!
A PITY THAT TOMMY'S WORK WAS ALL FOR NAUGHT--BUT PERHAPS IT'S JUST AS WELL!
WE HAVEN'T ANY MORE ROOM LEFT, ANYWAY!
THOUGH THERE IS JUST SPACE ENOUGH TO LEAVE YOU WITH THIS LITTLE SLOGAN--ALWAYS LET SLEEPING DJINNS LIE!
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MR. CRAVEN BUYS HIS SCREAM HOUSE!
AT LAST--! THE HOUSE MY GRANDFATHER BUILT... AND IT IS ALL MINE!
FOR YEARS I HAVE SAVED AND SCRIMPED TO BUY BACK MY... HOME!
I CAN ALMOST FEEL ITS PRESENCE... AS THOUGH IT HAD A SOUL OF ITS OWN! --SILLY THOUGHT...
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HIS SHUFFLING FEET SCRAPE ON YOUR FLAGSTONES.. HE GRUMBLES, AND HIS RASPING VOICE ECHOES THROUGH YOUR DIM, MUSTY ROOMS...
SHOULDN'T TAKE TOO MUCH TO PUT THE PLACE IN SHAPE AGAIN... LITTLE PAINT, LITTLE NEW LUMBER...!
HIS WRINKLED FACE AND STOOPED FORM ARE FAMILIAR! SUDDENLY YOU RECOGNIZE HIM, AND A SHUDDER RIPPLES THROUGH YOU FROM YOUR CRUMBLING FOUNDATION TO THE WEATHERED SLATES OF YOUR ROOF--! HE IS OF THE FAMILY YOU DESPISE..!
UMMM... GRANDFATHER MUST HAVE BEEN LIKE ME, TO BUILD A HOUSE SO ISOLATED--
--HE TOO MUST HAVE LOATHED COMMON PEOPLE!
YOU REMEMBER THE USE THE FIRST CRAVEN MADE OF YOU-- AND WITHOUT WILLING IT, YOU LASH OUT--!
EH--? HAT KNOCKED OFF... PROBABLY A BREEZE I DIDN'T FEEL!
HIS YELLOWISH FINGERS REACH OUT! YOU RECOIL, DREADING HIS TOUCH!
OOOEEEEEE.
YOU WILL DO ANYTHING TO KEEP HIM FROM ENTERING YOU... DEFILING YOU! ANYTHING-- EVEN SACRIFICE A PART OF YOURSELF! YOU LET THE BOARDS THAT SUPPORT HIS WEIGHT BUCKLE AND FALL--!
EE-YAH!
SKRAAA-KK!
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SOUNDLESSLY, YOU SCREAM AT HIM -- DEMAND HE LEAVE -- FOREVER! SOME VITAL CORNER OF HIS MIND HEARS YOU, FOR AS HE LIMPS AWAY HE RETURNS YOUR SCREAM--
HEAR ME, HOUSE! YOU DON'T SCARE ME -- YOU WON'T KEEP ME FROM CLAIMING YOU!
I'LL BE YOUR MASTER -- YOUR MASTER!
I'LL COME BACK, HOUSE -- WITH HELP!

YOU CAN WELL IMAGINE CRAVEN'S SULLEN MEETING WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE --
NO, SIR! I AIN'T GOIN' UP THERE!
ME NEITHER! ME MUM TOLE HORRIBLE TALES 'BOUT WHAT WENT ON IN THAT PLACE!
THEM CRAVENS ARE MONSTERS!
FOOLS! I DON'T NEED YOU!

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, CRAVEN AGAIN STANDS BEFORE YOU, LEADING A PLATOON OF HARD-FACED CRAFTSMEN --
YUH WANT THINGS MODERNIZED, MR. CRAVEN?
NOT MODERNIZED! -- JUST CHANGED! CHANGE IT ALL!

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Tired of Being 'SKINNY'?

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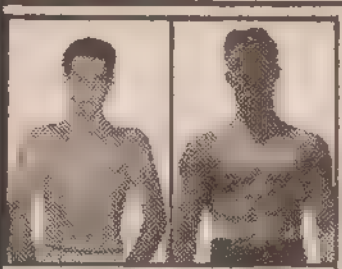

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THEN THEY BEGIN! FIERCE STEEL BLADES RIP THROUGH YOUR ANCIENT WOODS... YOUR UNHEARD MOAN MINGLES WITH THE SOUND OF THE SAW AS YOUR ENEMY WATCHES GLOATINGLY--
UUURROARR
--YOUR BELOVED PANELS SPLINTER BENEATH RELENTLESS HAMMER BLOWS--
SMASH!
WHITE HEAT TWISTS AND MELTS YOUR FINE WROUGHT IRON! YOU ARE BEING MERCILESSLY DESECRATED-- AND YOU CAN NO LONGER STAND IT! YOU STRAIN, YOU TREMBLE--!
JOINT'S... SHAKIN', MR CRAVEN!
NONSENSE! IT'S NOTHING!
SSSSTTTT-KRAK
THEY ARE RUINING YOU! THEY MUST STOP! WITH A SHRUG, YOU HURL YOUR CEILING DOWN AT THEM--
KRRRRRUMBLE-
KRASH!

YOU PELT THEM WITH PLASTER AND STONE! YOU ROAR DEFIANTLY -- AND SEE THEM FLEE LIKE FRIGHTENED ANIMALS, SHOUTING HOARSE, TERRIFIED CURSES!
YURRRRRMMM!!
FOR A MOMENT THERE IS STILLNESS, BROKEN ONLY BY THE MURMUR OF SETTLING DUST! THEN, CRAVEN STAGGERS TO YOUR DOOR AND SCREECHES --
DON'T GO! I'LL DOUBLE YOUR PAY... TRIPLE IT--!
DON'T LEAVE-- COWARDS!
CRAVEN'S VOICE DROPS TO A HUSKY, HATE-FILLED WHISPER...
YOU WON'T BEAT ME, HOUSE... IF I CAN'T BREAK YOUR WILL -- IF YOU REFUSE TO BE CHANGED--
-- THEN I SWEAR I'LL DESTROY YOU!
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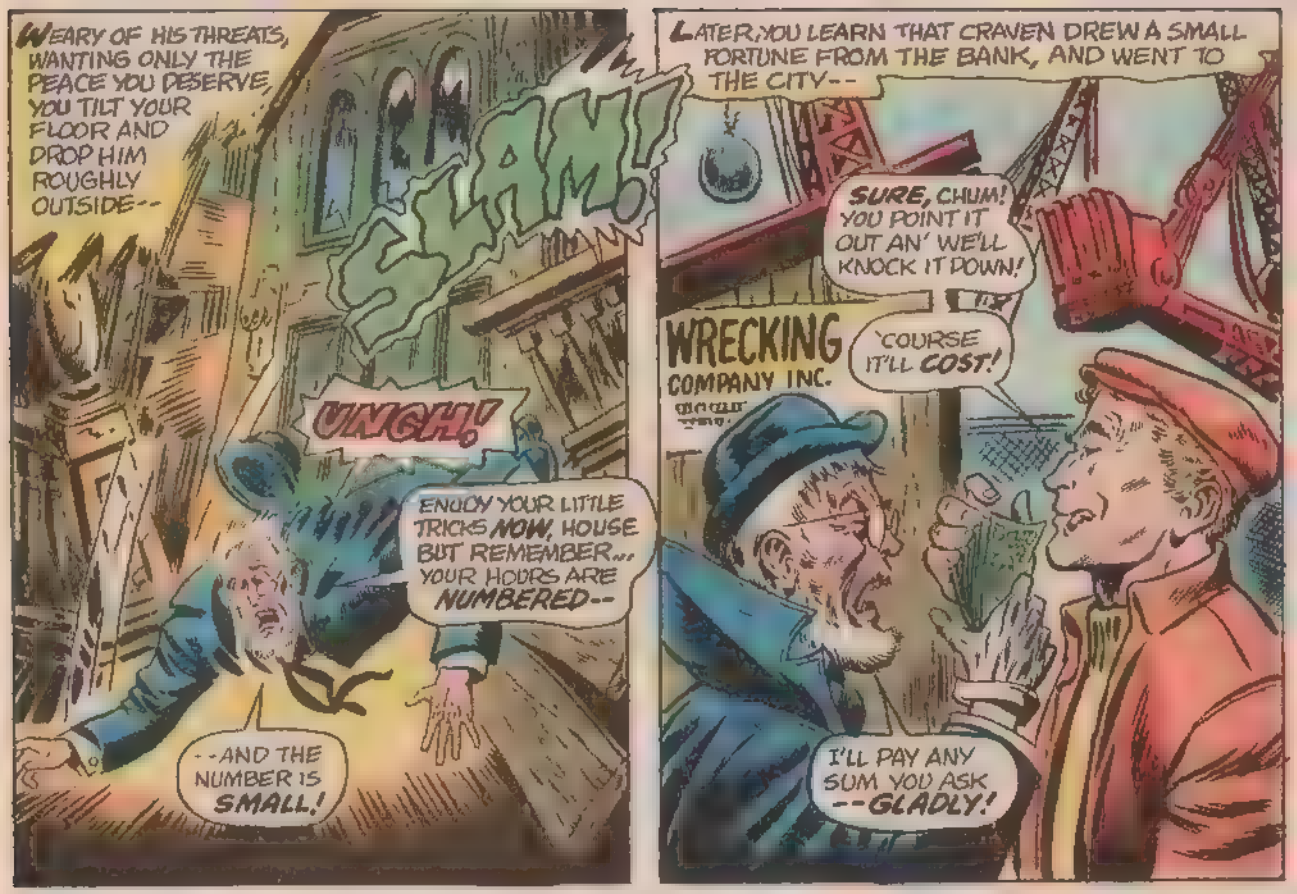
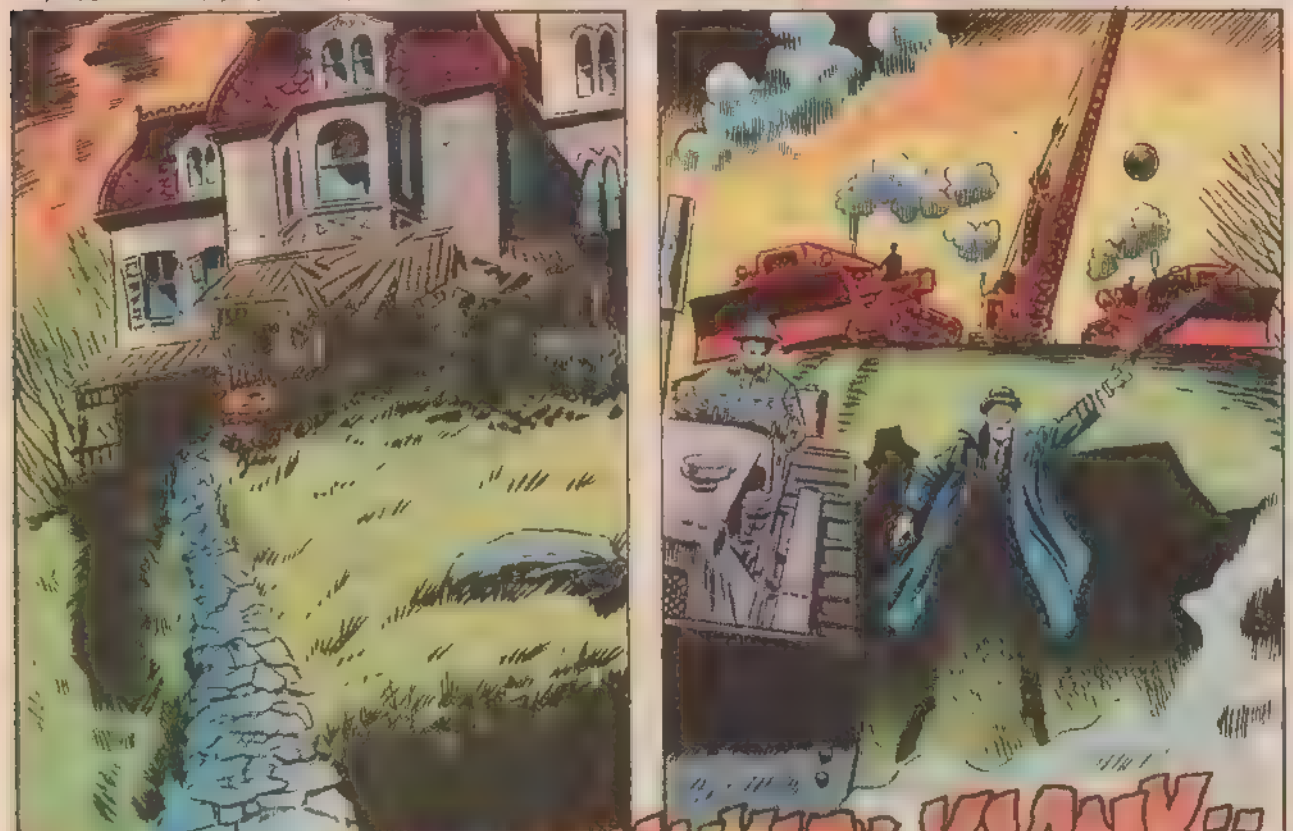

WEARY OF HIS THREATS, WANTING ONLY THE PEACE YOU DESERVE, YOU TILT YOUR FLOOR AND DROP HIM ROUGHLY OUTSIDE--
CLAM!
UNGH!
ENJOY YOUR LITTLE TRICKS NOW, HOUSE BUT REMEMBER... YOUR HOURS ARE NUMBERED--
--AND THE NUMBER IS SMALL!
LATER, YOU LEARN THAT CRAVEN DREW A SMALL FORTUNE FROM THE BANK, AND WENT TO THE CITY--
SURE, CHUM! YOU POINT IT OUT AN' WE'LL KNOCK IT DOWN!
WRECKING COMPANY INC.
'COURSE IT'LL COST!
I'LL PAY ANY SUM YOU ASK --GLADLY!

AS THE SUN'S LAST RAYS GLOW ON YOUR GABLES, YOU SENSE THE EARTH BENEATH YOU QUIVERING ... AND YOU REALIZE YOU ARE ABOUT TO FIGHT YOUR FINAL BATTLE! FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE CRAVEN'S EVIL ANCESTOR PERFORMED UNSPEAKABLE RITES WITHIN YOUR WALLS -- HIDEOUS MAGIC THAT GAVE YOU AWARENESS AND, SIMULTANEOUSLY, CAUSED YOU TO LOATHE HUMANITY -- YOU ARE DEEPLY, DREADFULLY FRIGHTENED! CRAVEN APPEARS AT THE HEAD OF A HOST OF CLANKING MACHINERY, SMILING LIKE A TRIUMPHANT GENERAL--!



SLOWLY, THE HUGE WRECKING DEVICES WHEEZE TO A HALT FEET FROM YOU--AND CRAVEN GIVES A SHRILL COMMAND--
FLATTEN IT!
KLANKETY-KLANK-KLANK-
HELPLESSLY, YOU WATCH THE GIANT BLACK BALL SWING BACK, AND BEGIN ITS PLUNGE FORWARD--!
YOU ABSORB THE FIRST TIMBER-SHATTERING BLOW AND WAIT FOR THE SECOND-- THE DEATH BLOW!
BUT IT NEVER FALLS! FOR, AT THE LAST POSSIBLE INSTANT, CRAVEN CROAKS ANOTHER COMMAND--
WWRRRRRR
KA-BASH!
N-NO! STOP!
I'M WINNING..!
THERE WILL BE NOTHING LEFT TO THE HOUSE...
NOTHING!
KLANKETY-KLANK
PONDEROUSLY, THE WRECKING EQUIPMENT MOVES INTO THE GATHERING DUSK, AND YOU ARE LEFT ALONE WITH CRAVEN...
I'M TOO WEAK, HOUSE! NOT CRUEL AND STRONG LIKE MY GRANDFATHER-- MY FATHER...
I'D HOPED THAT HERE... MOVING INTO THEIR HOUSE... WOULD MAKE ME LIKE THEM...
BUT NO... I'M SOFT-HEARTED... WORTHLESS! I CAN'T EVEN HARM A BUILDING... MUCH LESS A LIVING CREATURE!
YOU GAZE AFTER YOUR ENEMY, WISHING THERE WERE SOME WAY YOU COULD COMFORT HIM... THANK HIM... TELL HIM OF YOUR PITY! NIGHT FALLS AND YOU ARE ONCE MORE ALONE...!
PERHAPS YOU'RE WONDERING EXACTLY WHAT POOR OLD CRAVEN'S GRAND-DADDY DID... BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY, FOR ANOTHER DAY! I'D LIKE TO TELL IT TO YOU, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS--
THE END

OL' DIGGER HERE--WHILE OLD MR. GRAVELY ATTENDS TO A FEW OF HIS OWN...UNDERTAKINGS...
LET ME TELL YOU THE STORY OF BOSWELL BOLIVER...A SCIENTIST WHO WANTED MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE TO BE RESPECTED BY HIS FELLOW MAN!
BUT, IF YOU CAN DIG WHAT I'M SAYING...IT SEEMS THAT POOR BOSWELL WAS BORN TO...
"ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING!"
I'M READY...AT LAST! IN A FEW MORE SECONDS...NO ONE WILL EVER LAUGH AT ME AGAIN!
FOR, THOUGH IN THE PRESENT, MEN CHUCKLE MY NAME...IN A LONG-FORGOTTEN ERA OF THE PAST...THEY WILL SHOUT IT IN PRAISE!
STAN LEE PRESENTS A
GARY FRIEDRICH
&
DON HECK
MASTERWORK OF THE MYSTERIOUS!
INKED BY: FRANK GIACOIA
LETTERED BY: ARTIE SIMEK

JUST A FEW TURNS OF THESE DIALS...
...AND ALL THE HUMILIATION WILL BE BEHIND ME... FOREVER!
FOR, WITH THE TIME MACHINE MY GENIUS HAS CREATED... I CAN... AND WILL GO BACK TO AN AGE WHERE I WILL BE APPRECIATED!
WHERE THE HAUNTING LAUGHS OF TODAY...
HAHAHAHA!
...WILL BE NOTHING BUT THE ECHOES OF A MEMORY!
AS SOON AS I FLIP THIS SWITCH... THE LAUGHTER WILL DIE AWAY!
I'D RATHER BE DEAD THAN HEAR ONE MORE SNICKER... SO, MY DECISION IS MADE!
THE POWER IS ON... THE DIALS ARE SET! NOW, I SLOWLY PULL THE ACTIVATOR LEVER...
...AND BID THIS ERA OF TWO-LEGGED HYENAS FAREWELL!
BUT, DO I DARE...?
YES... ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN SPENDING THE REST OF MY LIFE AS A FOOL!

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"THEN, BACK... BACK THROUGH THE PAGES OF TIME TRAVELLED BOSWELL BOLIVER... AT A SPEED SO FAST, SO UNBELIEVABLE... HE FEARED HIS MACHINE HAD FAILED, UNTIL..."
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WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I? COULD IT BE THAT... YIIEEE!
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BUT, UNLESS I GET OUT OF THE WAY... MY GREATEST SUCCESS... WILL ALSO BE A FATAL MISTAKE!
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"HOWEVER, OUR TIME-TRAVELLING HERO DID MOVE FAST ENOUGH... THOUGH HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF IF HE HADN'T..."
"FOR, ONLY SECONDS LATER..."
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WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE US DO WITH HIM?
LET HIM SPEAK! WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU FIND SUCH STRANGE GARMENTS?
I... I CAME HERE... FROM THE FUTURE... IN A TIME MACHINE!

"POOR BOSWELL! HE HAD A REAL PENCHANT FOR SAYING THE WRONG THING AT THE WRONG TIME...BUT TO GET ON WITH THE TALE, AFTER THREE DAYS IN THE PALACE DUNGEON..."
COME! THE KING REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE!
AT LAST! I KNEW MY CHANCE WOULD COME!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PROVE TO THE KING THAT WHAT I SAY IS TRUE!
THEN, WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL LIE IN STORE...?
...I'LL BE A HERO! I'LL BE CHEERED EVERYWHERE I GO! WHY MAYBE I COULD EVEN BECOME KING!
"AND, NO SOONER DID BOSWELL APPEAR BEFORE THE RULER THAN..."
I REALIZE IT IS DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO BELIEVE I COME FROM THE FUTURE...
...BUT, IF YOU WILL ONLY GRANT ME A FEW MOMENTS OF YOUR TIME...
...I WILL PROVE IT TO YOU... BEYOND ANY DOUBT!
THIS DOLT AMUSES ME! LET HIM PROCEED!
HOW EASY THIS WILL BE...WITH THE HELP OF THREE OBJECTS I BROUGHT ALONG WITH ME!
WITH JUST A SNAP OF MY THUMB IT WILL BURST INTO FLAME, AND...
IT...IT CAN'T BE! I...I MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN TO FILL IT!
SNAP!
SNAP!
SNAP!
"BUT, BOSWELL COULD [illegible] HIS FAILURE TO HIS AUDIENCE... AND, EVEN IF HE COULD HAVE, NO ONE WOULD HAVE HEARD! THEY WERE ALL TOO BUSY...LAUGHING!"
HA HA HA HA HA
FIRST, LET ME DEMONSTRATE A REMARKABLE INVENTION OF MY TIME... A SMALL METAL BOX WHICH MAKES FIRE!
"HE WASN'T FINISHED YET, THOUGH! HE STILL HAD TWO MORE MIRACLES TO TRY!"

WAIT! STOP IT! IF YOU'LL ONLY GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE...I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE!
IF YOU'LL ONLY STOP LAUGHING ...I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT WE CALL... A CAMERA!
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JUST STOP LAUGHING LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO DEMONSTRATE ...AND YOU'LL NEVER LAUGH AT ME AGAIN!
HE POINTS THE BOX AT THE KING! IT MAY BE A WEAPON! STOP HIM!
"THEN, BEFORE BOSWELL COULD PUSH THE SHUTTER BUTTON, HE WAS GRAZED FROM BEHIND BY AN OVER-ANXIOUS GUARD'S SPEAR...AND, OF COURSE, THE CAMERA SLIPPED OUT OF HIS GRASP...!
"...AND CRASHED TO THE FLOOR! NATURALLY, THE FILM FELL OUT AND WAS EXPOSED!"
YOU WITLESS FOOL! YOU'VE RUINED THE CAMERA...AND THE FILM! AND, WORST OF ALL, EVERYONE'S LAUGHING AT ME AGAIN!
"BUT, BOSWELL COULDN'T GIVE UP! AFTER ALL, HE STILL HAD ONE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE HIMSELF..."

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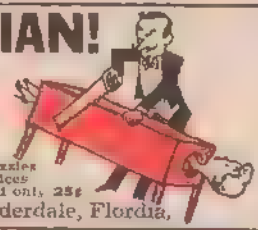

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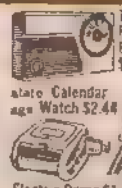

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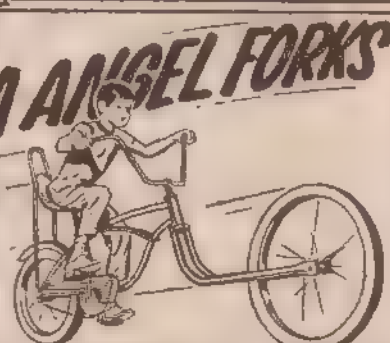

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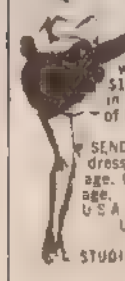

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...LIKE THIS!
"BUT..."
TRULY AMAZING! THE MUSIC IS SO SWEET...WE CANNOT EVEN HEAR IT!
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WHY DOESN'T IT WORK? I JUST PUT NEW BATTERIES IN IT!
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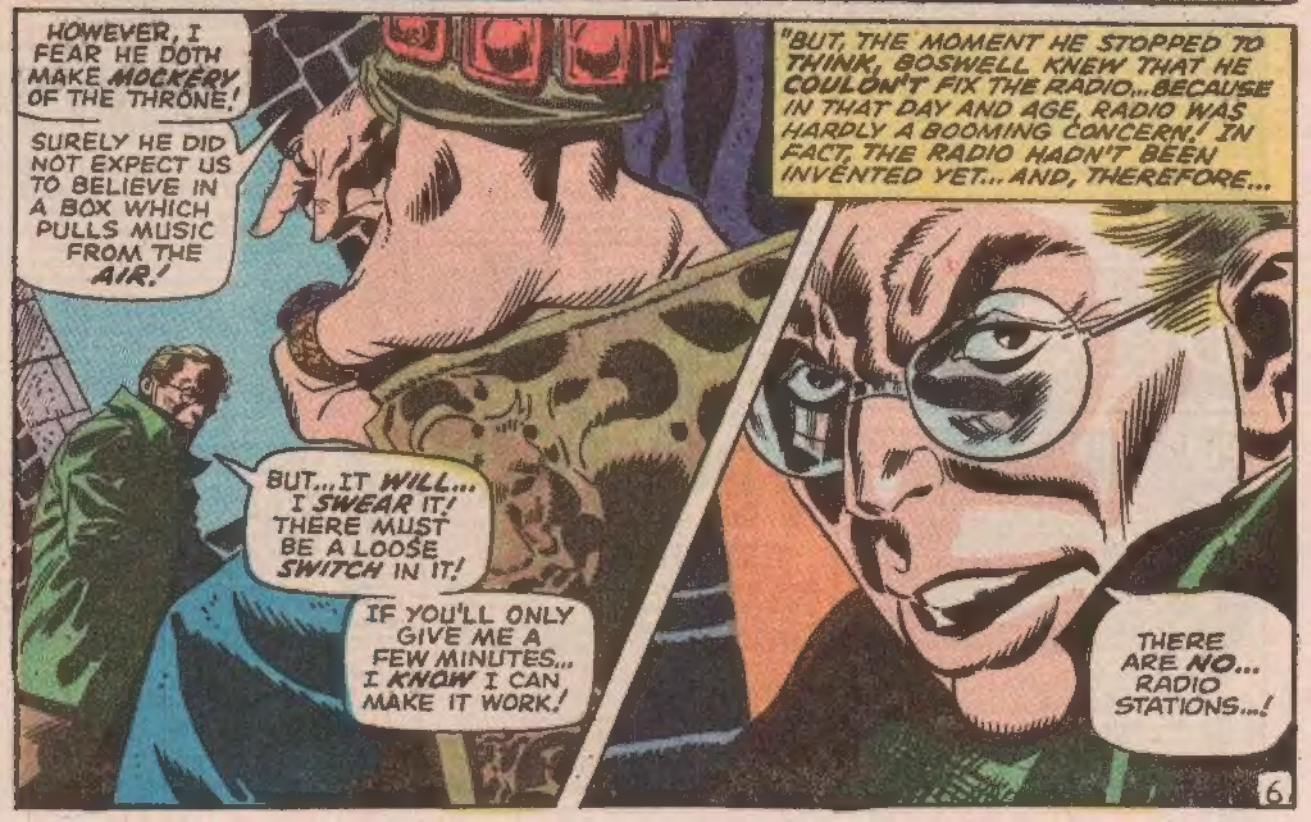
HOWEVER, I FEAR HE DOTH MAKE MOCKERY OF THE THRONE!
SURELY HE DID NOT EXPECT US TO BELIEVE IN A BOX WHICH PULLS MUSIC FROM THE AIR!
BUT...IT WILL... I SWEAR IT! THERE MUST BE A LOOSE SWITCH IN IT!
IF YOU'LL ONLY GIVE ME A FEW MINUTES... I KNOW I CAN MAKE IT WORK!
"BUT, THE MOMENT HE STOPPED TO THINK, BOSWELL KNEW THAT HE COULDN'T FIX THE RADIO...BECAUSE IN THAT DAY AND AGE, RADIO WAS HARDLY A BOOMING CONCERN! IN FACT, THE RADIO HADN'T BEEN INVENTED YET... AND, THEREFORE...
THERE ARE NO... RADIO STATIONS...!
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WAIT! IT WOULD BE A PITY TO KILL ONE SO AMUSING!
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"AND SO, BOSWELL'S LIFE WAS SPARED ON THE WHIM OF A QUEEN...BUT SPARED FOR WHAT, HE DIDN'T KNOW AS HE WAS HAULED AWAY FROM THE THRONEROOM..."
"...AND TOSSED INTO A DARK ROOM NEARBY! HOWEVER, HE DID KNOW THAT IT WASN'T THE DUNGEON...NOR, INDEED, ANY KIND OF CELL!"
"THEN, SUDDENLY, A GUARD RETURNED...TOSSED A COSTUME AT HIM...AND LEFT!"
"IT WAS ONLY AT THAT MOMENT THAT BOSWELL REALIZED HE MUST RESIGN HIMSELF TO A FATE WHICH, FOR HIM, WOULD BE FAR WORSE THAN DEATH..."
YES...BOSWELL HATED TO BE LAUGHED AT... BUT, IN THE END...
...HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO LEARN TO LIVE WITH IT...IF HE WANTED TO LIVE AT ALL!
HA HA HA HA HA HA
FOR, IRONIC THOUGH IT WAS, THE QUEEN HAD COMMANDED BOSWELL TO BECOME HER PERSONAL COURT JESTER...
AND, FOR THE REST OF HIS DAYS, HE HAD TO BE CERTAIN TO... ALWAYS LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING!
the END

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ITEM: Here's big news for all members of the good ol' Merry Marvel Marching Society, and for those of you who intend to join. Remember years ago, when we started the MMMS? We promised we wouldn't just swear you in and forget about you. Then what happened? We forgot about you! Naw, we didn't really — but what DID happen is — our mags became so much more popular than we ever dreamed they would, and we became so much busier than we ever expected to, that we just never had the time to do all the things we had hoped to do with our swingin' little club. But, we've managed to change all that now! And the change is so important, that we're gonna give it a paragraph all to itself — just like this —

ITEM: We had the greatest stroke of luck the other day. We met a fanatical Marvelite who also happens to be a most talented California executive. He's so impressed with our mags, and our club membership roster, that he made us a fantastic offer, which we've just accepted. From now on, the MMMS will be incorporated into a fabulous parent organization named MARVELMANIA INTERNATIONAL! Because of this great new development, there'll be an entire new company, independent of your Bullpen, working around the clock to make your club exactly what you want it to be. So watch for the exciting announcements about Marvelmania International in our mags, and remember — you won't be watching alone. We're as anxious to see what's coming next as you are!

ITEM! Guess who's just returned to the fold? None other than ol' GIL (Sugar) KANE, who's teamed up with Rascally ROY and Dapper DAN ADKINS on the greatest CAPTAIN MARVEL epic of all time! (Well, since yesterday, anyway). You'll be thrilling to a brand-new Mar-Vell starting this month, and you'll have only yourself to blame if you miss it. Not only is Gil's artistry a joy to behold, but it just happens to feature CAPTAIN AMERICA, RICK JONES, and more surprises than you can count. We kid thee not!

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ITEM! Hey, did we tell you about Adorable ARTIE SIMEK? Or, perhaps you've already caught him on the nighttime Alan Burke show, where (cross our heart!) he played the harmonica and spoons! Sly ol' STAN can't wait to ask him how the heck he manages to tune his spoon!

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This is it, gang! An announcement so momentous that it's taken us months to get up the nerve to make it! Starting as soon as possible, we're abandoning our policy of continued stories! Yep, that means we'll try to make every Marvel masterwork complete in each issue! Our mail has been running 50-50 for and against, and since we personally preferred the continued yarns, we kept them going. But, we finally decided that the other 50% of Marveldom should have equal rights, and it's always exciting to make a change. It's gonna make our job much tougher — we'll have to shorten our plots — perhaps tone down on our sub-plots, and tighten our pacing. But it's the least we can do for our rollickin' readers, and it'll be fun to see how it works out. A few current tales may take another ish or two to wrap up, and occasionally we may HAVE to present a two-parter — but, by and large, we've given up our continued stories till further notice! Now for the love of Odin, write as soon as you can and tell us how you feel about it. If we're making another bonehead mistake, next month's column may be written by Irving Forbush!

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Smiley

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